Idapnur Mass Murder Case.

*Q.—501. Sri KANTA RAO DESAI (Kushtagi).—

Will the Government be pleased to state :—

(*a*) how far the inquiry into the Idapnur mass murder case in Raichur District has progressed ;

(*b*) whether the prosecution has requested for the establishment of a special court to try this case ;

(*c*) if so, the reasons for the delay in setting up of a special court ?

A.—Sri M. V. RAMA RAO (Minister for Law).—

(*a*) The accused have been committed for trial in the Sessions Court.

(*b*) The Inspector-General of Police has proposed that a special court be established for the trial of the case.

(*c*) The High Court have been consulted in the matter and their reply is awaited.

Calling Attention to a matter of Urgent Public Importance *re*: Fire accident at Keshavapura.

Sri C. S. HULKOTI (Mundargi).—Sir, I beg to call the attention of the Minister for Home to the fire accident that occurred at Keshavapur Village near Hubli.

Sri R. M. PATIL (Minister for Home).—Sir, in response to the call attention notice I beg to state that on 12th March 1965 at about 4 P.M. an accidental fire took place in Keshavapur limits within Hubli City as a result of which 65 hay stacks belonging to differrent agriculturists stacked in urban area by the road side were burnt to ashes. The fire might have been caused by a lighted beedi bit thrown by a passerby due to the blowing of wind and the hot air. The fire spread from one hay stack to another. The total loss of property on account of the fire is estimated at Rs. 33,000. There was no loss of human life. The fire was quenched with the assistance of the Corporation Fire Fighter. The incident is reported to be purely accidental and no foul play is suspectd. As regards relief, they are asked to approach the Deputy Commissioner, Dharwar who will examine the claims.

Member's Representation.

ri S. SIVAPPA (Shravanabelagola).—Sir, to a number of questions the answers have not so far been suppiled. At this rate, we may not receive answers for our questions.